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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – State Agency Pledges Funds for I-80 and Hwy 4 in Response to Shootings

(U) The state has pledged funds to install cameras and related equipment along two major highways between Richmond and Antioch that have been plagued with dozens of shootings over the past 18 months. A California State Transportation Agency official recently confirmed the multi-agency effort to prevent the violence that has killed and injured motorists on Interstate-80 and Highway 4. The plan is to install a wireless system of cameras and high-tech microphones at various locations along the routes that have become the site of turf wars between Antioch and Pittsburg gangs in East Contra Costa County and their rivals in Richmond.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [East Bay Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Pregnant Woman Found to Have Zika After Testing Error

(U) Washington – District of Columbia officials say a pregnant woman tested positive for the Zika virus after initially being told she tested negative last year. The city was forced to send more than 400 samples to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for retesting after a scientist made a math error. Another woman and man also tested positive, after first being told they were negative. The CDC said 394 samples tested negative and results were inconclusive for 26 samples.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Missouri – Attorney General to Investigate Backpage.com with New Human Trafficking Unit

(U) Jefferson City – Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley has begun the process of investigating the online advertising website Backpage, using a new unit in his office tasked with prosecuting human traffickers under the state's consumer protection laws. Hawley said that evidence already points to Backpage and its affiliates knowingly participating in illegal trafficking activity and concealing it, including findings from a US Senate committee, which examined 1.1 million pages of documents supplied by the company.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

(U) Washington – Tunnel Collapses at Nuclear Site

(U) Richland – Hundreds of workers at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation were evacuated yesterday after part of a tunnel, which stores rail cars filled with radioactive waste, collapsed. Officials detected no radiation release, and no workers were in the tunnel when it caved in, said a spokesman for the Washington state Department of Ecology. A robot was used to sample contamination in the air and on the ground and did not find evidence of a release of contamination.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [USA Today](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Japan – New Malware Targets Computer Cameras via Known Flaw

(U) Tokyo – Over 100,000 internet-connected cameras may be falling prey to a new IoT malware that's spreading through recently disclosed vulnerabilities in the products. The malware, called Persirai, has been found infecting Chinese-made wireless cameras since last month, security firm Trend Micro said on Tuesday. The malware does so by exploiting flaws in the cameras that a security researcher reported back in March. The researcher found that the vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to remotely execute code on the cameras, effectively hijacking them.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [PC World](#)

(U) Syria – ISIS says it Beheaded Russian Officer

(U) Raqqa – The Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) has issued a video showing the beheading of a man it described as a Russian intelligence officer captured in Syria, the US-based SITE monitoring website reported yesterday. The Russian defense ministry denied any Russian serviceman had been captured and killed by ISIS in Syria. The 12-minute Russian-language video, released on the day Russia celebrated the anniversary of the 1945 victory over Nazi Germany with military parades, showed the man dressed in a black jump suit kneeling in a desert scene and urging other Russian agents to surrender. The authenticity of the recording and the identity of the man could not immediately be verified, nor was it clear when the killing occurred.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Thailand – Car Bomb Wounds 60 in Southern Thailand

(U) Pattani – Muslim militants fighting for a separate state in the south of predominantly Buddhist Thailand were suspected of carrying out a car-bomb attack yesterday outside a supermarket in the city of Pattani that wounded 60 people, authorities said. A decades-old separatist insurgency in the largely ethnic Malay Muslim provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat has killed more than 6,500 people since 2004, according to independent monitoring group Deep South Watch. Muslim insurgents were suspected of carrying out the attack, deputy police chief Rewat Srichantub said. He said the bomber was believed to have fled before the explosion. It was the first car bomb in Pattani since August.

SOURCE: 9 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Man Arrested on Terror Charges

(U) London – Prosecutors say a British man arrested with several knives near Parliament last month is also accused of being an al-Qai'da bomb-maker in Afghanistan. Khalid Mohamed Omar Ali appeared in court today to face one charge of preparing terrorist acts and two of making or having explosives. Ali was arrested at gunpoint in the street near Parliament on 27 April as part of what police called an ongoing counterterrorism operation. They said he had been under surveillance.

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